

ETHAN A. SAWYERS.

MAY 7, 1884.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

MAY 8, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GEDDES, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3797.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3797) for the relief of Ethan A. Sawyers, submit the following report:

The claimant presents in the record three different claims, to wit:

1. Claim for services during the greater part of the war as guide, scout, and recruiting officer.

2. Claim for quartermaster's stores, alleged to have been taken by and appropriated to the uses of the Union Army.

3. Claim for services in penetrating the lines of the enemy, under direction of Major-General Burnside, and destroying a bridge and telegraph wire so as to cut off the communication of the enemy.

This claim was before the Forty-second Congress, and a bill passed appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to pay claimant for services rendered as scout, guide, and recruiting officer, and for property taken by the United States forces, and claimant received the amount.

The committee hold that the payment of the award made by the Forty-second Congress was a bar to any further claim upon the Government. Unless the claimant is barred, under the circumstances stated, it would be difficult for the Government to determine when there would be an end to claims put forth against it. This committee decline to reopen the case, and report adversely to the bill, and recommend it do lie upon the table.

